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BIG YEAR'S WORK.

Sch. Mary C. Santos Stocks \$36,000 and Will Haul Up.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, Capt. Manuel C. Santos, of Provincetown, will now haul up for two months, after a most successful season that has made her probably high line for 1906 of the Provincetown fresh fishing fleet with the fine stock of \$36,000. Last year this same craft carried off the Provincetown high line honor with the big stock of \$42,000.

The Unappreciated Herring.

New Englanders have been accustomed, since early times, to look upon the herring as an inferior food fish. To be "brought up on herring and johnny cake" has been a condition establishing one's social position as somewhere near the bottom of the ladder. There are persons in New England who think it beneath their dignity to admit they like herring.

This prejudice against an abundant and nutritious source of food supply is slowly disappearing; but if more people could see the value of herring, and would eat more of them, the pinch of the beef trust would be less felt. It is just as easy to make a meal at five cents from a good herring as it is at \$2 from a steak, and to some people just as pleasant.

When Sir Thomas Lipton was in Boston recently the meal which pleased him most in his round of entertainment was a breakfast at a yacht club, in which the chief dish was kippered herring. The English, from king to peasant, eat herring. A dish of kippers is the rule on many a fashionable breakfast table in the British isles, as it is also on the bare board in the workman's cottage.

There is no shortage in the herring supply of New England this year, though friction with Newfoundland over the fisheries may reduce somewhat the cargoes from that source.

If New England were alive to the economic value of the herring she would eat all her supply herself, instead of shipping it elsewhere, and would thereby set an example to the rest of the country in frugal living and independence.—Boston Globe.

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ANOTHER CARGO.

British Schooner B. G. Anderson Has Salt Herring Fare.

The Nova Scotia schooner B. G. Anderson arrived at this port just before noon from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a cargo of 1200 barrels of salt herring.

The cargo was consigned to J. Hackett, master of the vessel, and has been sold to Orlando Merchant.

Western Halibut at Boston.

Three cars of Pacific halibut were received at Boston yesterday.

Swept Fish from Deck.

Sch. Rose Standish had quite a severe time in the Sunday gale. The crew set that morning and had 4000 pounds and were dressing them on deck when the storm struck. Several seas were shipped and one swept the deck of the fish and everything movable except the dories.

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OVER \$13,000.

Salt Bank Stock of Sch. Tattler a Record Breaker.

High Liner of the Crew Profited to Extent of \$340.

Sch. Tattler, Capt. Alden Geel, weighed off 318,000 pounds of salt cod as the result of her recent dory handline trip of three months. On this trip, the craft made one of the largest stocks ever placed to the credit of a salt banker and the largest ever made by a salt banker making two trips in one season.

The fare brought \$4.75 per hundred weight for large and \$3.75 for mediums and the stock reached the phenomenal total of \$13,200.

On this magnificent total the large crew of men made an average share of \$227 to a man, while the high liner of the crew got \$340 for his share of the voyage. This is sch. Tattler's second trip this season, her first one being a pollock seining trip to Sable Island bank, on which she brought home a fare of 344,000 pounds of salt pollock. These two fares give Capt. Geel a stock of over \$19,000, and will make the Tattler the high liner of the salt bankers this season.

Capt. Geel's many friends are pleased at his success which is certainly merited by his ability and hard work.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Steamer Hurricane, shore, 235 bbls. fresh herring.

Sch. Rebecca Bartlett, shore.

Sch. Valentina, shore.

Sch. Hattie A. Heckman, Banks, 70,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Helen F. Whitten, Banks, 100,000 lbs. salt cod.

Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Splitting prices of fresh fish; Large Eastern cod, \$1.75; medium do., \$1.25; large Western cod, \$2.62 1-2; medium do., \$1.37 1-2; haddock, \$1.00; cusk, \$1.75; hake, \$1.40; pollock, 95 cts.

Salt handline Georges codfish, \$5.00 per cwt. for large, \$4.00 for medium.

Salt Trawl Georges codfish, \$5.00 for large \$3.50 for medium.

Salt hake, \$2.00.

Salt haddock, \$2.00.

Salt cusk, \$2.25.

Salt "drift" cusk, \$2.00

Salt pollock, \$1.50.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.25 to \$4.50 for large, \$3.37 1-2 to \$3.50 for medium and \$2.00 for snappers.

Large salt "drift" Georges codfish, \$4.25 medium do., \$3.25.

Flitched halibut 7 1-2 cts. lb.

Round pollock, 95 cts. per cwt.

Shore salt herring, \$1.75 per bbl. clear of the barrel.

Eastern "halibut" codfish, \$4.37 1-2 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for small.

Fresh herring \$1.50 per bbl.

Bay salt mackerel, \$35 per bbl. for large and \$22 per bbl. for mediums.

Bank halibut, 11 cts. per lb. for white and 9 1-2 cts. per lb. for gray.

Salt dory handline bank cod, \$4.75 per cwt. for large and \$3.75 for medium.

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Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 5000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 10,000 cod.

Sch. James and Esther, 22,000 cod.

Sch. Quonnapowitt, 9000 haddock, 4000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. E. C. Hussey, 14,000 cod.

Sch. Joseph W. Lufkin, 3000 cod, 20,000 hake, 3000 cusk.

Sch. Lucania, 5000 haddock, 3000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Mary A. Whalen, 20,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 9000 hake.

Sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, 16,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 8000 hake.

Sch. Frances V. Silva, 10,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 3000 pollock.

Sloop Morning Star, 4000 pollock.

Sloop Helen D. Lane, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Eva Avina, 11,000 pollock.

Sch. Olympia, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Illinois, 12,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 8000 cod.

Sch. Emilia Enos, 1500 haddock, 1500 cod, 4000 cod.

Haddock, \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$5; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1.35 to \$1.75; pollock, \$1.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Almeida was at Portland yesterday with 10,000 pounds of fresh fish.

Sch. Volant of this port was at Portland yesterday.

Sch. William H. Rider was at Halifax on Sunday.

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CANSO CONSULAR AGENCY.

A Prominent Fish Concern Wants It Re-Established.

In regard to the closing of the United States consular agency at Canso, N. S., as exclusively reported in the first edition of Wednesday's Times, Capt. Charles H. Harty has also received the following message from Mr. W. E. Cowang, who is the local manager there of the New York Fish Co., with which concern Capt. Harty has formerly been associated:

"Consular agency discontinued. Use influence to have it re-established. Consul at Sydney is holding it open for one week. Try Congressman Gardner and others."

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Newfoundlanders at North Sydney to Ship.

There are many Newfoundlanders at North Sydney, C. B., looking for berths on the American fishing schooners now in port on their way to Bay of Islands for herring. Many of these men came up last week and more are expected by the steamer Bruce on her next trip.

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Herring News.

Herring are scarce at present at Bay of Islands, but plenty are reported outside and only a westerly wind is needed to drive them into the arms. Good hauls are reported at Bonne Bay.

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SUBJECT OF MUCH TALK.

Reported Fish Trust Not Generally Believed.

SEVERAL STRONG DENIALS.

Whole Plan, if Intended, Is Still in Embryo.

The proposed \$5,000,000 T wharf fish trust still continues to be the chief topic of conversation in fish circles.

In this city, many can be found who firmly believe that the combine is a sure thing and will come soon, while others, equally well posted on what is going on in fish circles, believe that, while there may be an attempt on the part of bankers and capitalists to capture the fresh fish business and put it in the Standard Oil and Tobacco Trust column, and while the same capitalists, through an attorney or agent have options on several concerns, still, in their opinion the whole matter is in embryo and a long, long way from realization.

To anyone acquainted at all with the fish business, the whole thing presents an interesting state of affairs. In no business in the world is there so much ruthless competition, in no other business is there so much cutting and slashing of prices as in the fish business. It is not to be wondered at that a combination is talked of and talked of seriously.

Therefore, while it is believed that at some time a merging of a number of T wharf dealers may be brought about, still it is not thought that at present, a majority of the fish dealers on T wharf would be willing to sell their business outright to a combine of capitalists, although they are receptive to a plan of possible combination among a majority of themselves.

The matter has given rise to volumes of newspaper talk.

Notwithstanding the repeated denials on the part of the T wharf fish dealers, Lawyer Curtis G. Metzler claims that a syndicate of capitalists proposes to form a corporation under Massachusetts and Maine laws, to be known as the National Fisheries Company, with a capitalization of \$3,000,000 for that specific purpose.

Mr. Metzler further claims that the syndicate has already secured options on the business of 75 per cent. of the T wharf dealers, who are the leading Boston jobbers and wholesalers of fresh salt water fish, that he expects to have options on all the others within the next 30 days, and that the corporation will then be in a position to control the situation to the great benefit of fishermen, dealers and consumers.

On T wharf yesterday many of the fish dealers were disinclined to say anything positive of the proposed combination of fish dealers to concentrate the trade under one management, yet one or two went so far as to admit that there had been steps taken recently towards such a combination of interests, and that offers have been made to number of the dealers to enter the proposed company. Some have agreed, accepting the terms offered for their business; others have refused to accept the price offered, and matters are still pending.

Mr. Metzler claims that among the firms who have already given options are John R. Neal & Co., E. A. Rich & Company, Watts,

Rich & Cook, B. F. Phillips & Co., Haskins Fish Company, Lombard & Curtis, the Ocean Fish Company, John Burns & Co., Arnold & Winsor. Albert F. Rich & Co., C. J. Whitman & Co., J. Adams & Co., J. Walter Hamilton and Prior & Inagls. He also says that he expects about 12 others within 30 days, and hopes that the plan will be in operation by spring. On the other hand the story of the combine is strongly denied.

President Blanchard of the T Wharf Fish Market Corporation yesterday morning said that in his opinion not more than seven or eight firms had gone into the deal so far. "I am opposed," he said, "to trusts of all kinds, whether they be fish or Standard Oil, and naturally I would not be asked in, as my position is well known. I believe a Boston banker is behind the thing, but I very much doubt if they can make the thing stick. John R. Neal of the John R. Neal Company, one of the leading fish dealers at T wharf, said today: "Such a combination as has been reported is utterly impossible. For the past 25 years there has been talk of combining interests among leading fish dealers, but the only attempt that has materialized, that of the National Fisheries Company, four years ago, resulted in a failure.

"I have heard talk recently of an attempt to bring some of the leading dealers in combination, but it has developed no further than has such talk during the past decade. Any combination to control the fish interests of this port is impossible. The Atlantic ocean is too broad a field to monopolize even by the most daring monopolists.

"A combination of a number of dealers is a feasible plan and I believe a good one. This would mean concentration of interests into one large concern and a reduction of expenses. Such a combination of interests I have always been in favor of. This is by no means a gigantic monopoly to control the fish interests of the country."

Sanford C. Winsor of Arnold & Winsor and A. F. Rich of A. F. Rich & Co. denied any knowledge of their firm going into a combination. They look upon the matter as an impossibility.

A member of the Gloucester Fish Company said: "It looks to me like another free dinner at the expense of State street promoters. I went to the dinner they provided when the National Fisheries Company was formed and had a good feed. I hope they get this new attempt worked up to the free dinner stage.

"These promoters can combine manufactories and industries, but when they come to monopolizing the fish interests it is another problem. In the other monopolies they can control the supply and take care of all overproduction. This is impossible in the fish business."

There are 30 fish dealers at T wharf and Atlantic avenue who send fish all over New England and with the exception of a half-dozen all knowledge of any attempt at combination was denied.

The captains of the fishing fleet threaten to wage war to the bitter end against the big fish trust, as they fear that the coming of the trust will mean a lowering of shares all around, and the crews are expected to side with the captains.

Conservative men in the fish business do not think that this particular scheme will amount to any more than others that have had their little day, and then quietly subsided.

L. B. Goodspeed, proprietor of the big firm of L. B. Goodspeed & Co., said: "As far as I know, this particular scheme for combining fish dealers has no relation to the countless other plans of a similar nature that have been put forward in recent years, nor has it any connection with one which caused some comment a year ago. This scheme has been under consideration only about two months, and I do not think that any decisive action has been taken. There certainly has been no meeting of wholesale fish dealers, and I do not believe the plan

has progressed very much since its inception."

M. F. Blanchard, of the firm of Bunting, Emery & Cook, is emphatically opposed to all trusts and to a fish trust, especially. Mr. Blanchard said:

"Unquestionably, some one is going to make money in the fish business, and it rests with the public to say at whose expense. I am opposed to trusts of any kind. They give the individual business man no show and they are not good for the public. I do not believe one is needed in the fish business, and while, of course, I cannot speak officially, I think you will find a great many other fish dealers who agree with me."

The Boston Fish Company is reported to be opposed to any scheme for consolidation, and the officers claim to know nothing about the scheme.

In connection with the discussion regarding the combine, the following strongly worded editorial in the Boston Post of this morning will be of interest, being conceived along right lines and means something:

"It is gratifying to learn that the Massachusetts fish trust is only a project upon paper and not yet an actual fact, possibly never to be realized. We hope it never will be. There is no room for such a combination here.

"The trust evil should not be allowed to invade New England, especially in this matter of our fishing industry. No National Fisheries Company, wherever incorporated, should have its basis of the operation in the community where from the earliest days the garnering and the sale of the harvest of the seas has been free to the competition of individual endeavor.

"Freedom of action and of enterprise must be preserved to our people. And, indeed, it will be difficult to deny it. The Atlantic ocean is a large field to monopolize; its production cannot be fenced in. The fish will bite with entire disregard of speculative regulations set up on shore.

"It is not such a case as that of factory production. Our cotton operatives are at a disadvantage in that they work only as the machines work. They are merely the attendants, skilled, to be sure, but limited in the use of their skill by the capacity of the machine and excluded from individual initiative. They can think, productively, only so far as the unthinking machines can go.

"In our fisheries, the large degree of success depends upon the skill of the captains of our schooners, upon their wise judgment as to the field of operation and the methods employed. What we call good luck is more often the result of the knowledge gained by long experience, so readily employed that it passes for instinct.

"Let us keep the fishing industry of Massachusetts free from the baleful and demoralizing and fatal domination of monopoly. The incentive to personal ambition should remain. Our fishermen engage and sail on shares. Like men in other undertakings, they enter to win or lose, according as their skill or their fortune may decide. They bring in their fares, and it should be to an open market. They should get for their hardy endeavor the reward which fair an unconstrained competition gives them.

"To shut our fishermen out of this privilege would be revolutionary of all the ethics of trade. The price of the product which they bring in should not be decided by a conspiracy of men who sit at mahogany desks on shore while they are facing the perils of the banks in dories outside.

"Any attempt to grind down the earnings of our Massachusetts fishermen by a Fisheries Trust will be execrated and condemned by our people."

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Sch. A. C. Newhall, shore.
 Sch. Lafayette, shore.
 Sch. Juliette, shore.
 Sch. Oliver F. Kilham, shore.
 Sch. Hortense, shore.
 Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
 Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.
 Sch. Santos, shore.
 Sch. Albert Geiger, shore.
 Sch. Motor, shore.
 Sch. Manomet, shore.
 Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
 Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
 Sch. Etta Mildred, shore.
 Sch. Mary Edith, shore.
 Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, shore.
 Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.
 Sch. Thalia, shore.
 Sch. Ralph Russell, shore.
 Sch. Sheffeyld, shore.
 Sch. Jubilee, shore, 15,000 lbs. pollock.
 Sch. Priscilla, shore.
 Sch. Braganza, shore.
 Sch. Mettacomett, shore.
 Sch. Jennie Gilbert, shore.
 Sch. Tartar, shore.
 Sch. Lucania, Banks.
 Sch. Mary A. Gleason, shore.
 Sch. Lillian, shore.
 Sch. Blanche F. Irving, shore.
 Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, shore.
 Sch. Hope, shore.
 Sch. Mina Swim, shore.
 Sch. Rebecca Bartlett, shore.
 Sch. W. B. Keen, shore.
 Sch. A. T. Gifford, shore.
 Sch. Good Luck, shore, 20,000 lbs. pollock.
 Sch. Evelyn L. Smith, shore.
 Sch. Theodore Roosevelt, Quero Bank, 14,000 lbs. halibut, 9000 lbs. salt cod, 18,000 lbs. fresh fish.

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 Flitched halibut 7 1-2 cts. lb.
 Round pollock, 95 cts. per cwt.
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Boston.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 6000 cusk, 2000 pollock.
 Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.
 Sch. Rita A. Viator, 2000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake.
 Sch. Flavilla, 3000 haddock, 500 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Minerva, 7000 haddock, 3000 cod, 5000 hake.
 Sch. Benj. F. Phillips, 26,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 10,000 hake.
 Sch. Mary E. Silveira, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake.
 Sch. Ramona, 10,000 pollock.
 Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Sch. Mertie H. Perry, 1700 haddock, 200 cod, 400 hake.
 Sch. Mattie Brundage, 1700 haddock, 800 cod, 1200 hake.
 Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 3500 haddock, 8000 cod.
 Sch. Rose Standish, 2000 haddock, 700 cod, 4000 hake.
 Sch. Catherine G. Howard, 20,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 5000 hake.
 Haddock, \$3.25 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.25 to \$3.50; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2; hake, \$1; pollock, \$1.20; cusk, \$1.60.

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ARRESTED AND FINED.

Bond Makes Good His Threat at Bay of Islands.

DEFIES THE MODUS VIVENDI.

Takes Two Native Fishermen and Has Them Fined \$500.

Sir Robert Bond has carried out his threat to arrest and fine Newfoundland fishermen who shipped on American herring vessels at Bay of Islands, outside the three-mile limit. Two men out of the hundreds who have thus shipped have been arrested and tried and each fined \$500, with an alternative of three months in prison. An appeal was taken to the supreme court.

This now fairly brings matters at Newfoundland to a head, and the whole thing is now up to the British government. The latter by the terms of the *modus vivendi* with this country allowed the shipping of Newfoundland fishermen outside the three-mile limit. Against this is Sir Robert Bond's enforcement of the bait act, which does not allow Newfoundland fishermen to ship on foreign fishing vessels.

The *modus vivendi* distinctly states that "the shipment of Newfoundlanders by

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IN MIDDLE ARM.

Large Catches of Herring Were Made on Monday.

Capt. Greenleaf Interviews Mr. Alexander on Arrest of Men.

The Bay of Islands, N. F., Western Star, of Wednesday has the following herring news of the American and Nova Scotia vessels at that place:

"Last week there was a falling off in this industry, and fishermen were continually shifting their nets to different parts of the bay in quest of the finny tribe. While some boats secured good catches others fared poorly and the majority did not get more than ten barrels for a boat. The cause of these small catches is attributed to the recent freshets, which puts so much fresh water in the arms and drove the herring well out the bay. It is thought the fish will work in again this week.

"Sch. B. G. Anderson, chartered by M. L. McLean, sailed on Tuesday last for Gloucester with a cargo. Sch. Ingomar, Capt. W. Parsons, and the Lunenburg vessel Beatrice S. Mack sailed from here Monday, and are racing to Gloucester for a wager of \$50 a side.

"Sch. Smuggler was ready to sail yesterday, making in all five herring cargoes on the way from here to the American market. There is fairly good fishing at Bonne Bay, with several vessels have gone for cargoes.

"J. A. Farquhar & Co.'s sch. Willie R. finished loading Saturday with salt bulk,

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MADE BIG HAULS.

Thousands of Barrels of Mackerel Taken Off Canso.

On Friday and Saturday of last week thousands of barrels of large fat mackerel were taken off Canso, N. S., and the fishermen have been greatly cheered and encouraged after a long season of very dull fishing and cheerless prospect of having to face a long cold winter with little if any provisions laid in. Not for years has there been such a run of mackerel.

Fishermen who were attending from ten to 20 nets were not able to pick them all, having to make several trips to the shore with boats loaded. In some cases not having any mackerel nets in readiness some fishermen put out a fleet or two of old herring nets and were rewarded with a catch of \$35 to \$40 worth in one night. Work as they did some fishermen were unable to get over all their gear before dark overtook them on Saturday. A large number of nets had sunk with the weight of the fish and will not be recovered.

TESTING MODUS VIVENDI.

St. Johns, Nov. 17.—Two colonial fishermen, Du Bois and Crane, who shipped aboard the American herring vessel Ralph Hall outside the three-mile limit, were tried at Bay of Islands, charged with having, in violation of the bait act, put herring on board the Ralph Hall. They were convicted and fined \$500 each, with an alternative of serving three months in prison. An appeal will be taken to the supreme court. The colonial government expects this prosecution will result in stopping Newfoundlanders shipping on board American vessels and will therefore virtually nullify the *modus vivendi*.